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## TESTIMONIALS.

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FROM COLONEL SIR F. W. FESTING, C.B., K.C.M.G.

Lieutenant R. B. Deane, Royal Marine Light Infantry, served on the Gold Coast during the latter part of the Ashanti war, and was engaged against the enemy while attached to the Naval Brigade.

When in command of a detachment I witnessed his manner in dealing with those under him, and can confidently say that I know of no officer more qualified to perform the special duties of an Adjutant: and I should say that his age, disposition, ability, and general bearing eminently fit him for such a post at the present time.

(Signed) FRANCIS W. FESTING,

*Bt. Colonel R. M. Artillery.*

EASTNEY BARRACKS,

24th January, 1875.

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*Extract from a letter from Major General J. W. A. KENNEDY, R.M.L.I.,*

*9th February, 1878.*

MY DEAR DEANE,

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I cannot conclude without most sincerely thanking you for the valuable assistance you rendered me in the office during the period I was in command of the Chatham Division.

Your extensive knowledge of the service in all the varied details of your important duties I have rarely seen equalled and never surpassed; whilst the very assiduous manner in which those duties were *at all times* performed left absolutely nothing to be desired and merit my warmest acknowledgments.

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(Signed) J. W. A. KENNEDY.

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16th October, 1878.

I have known Lieutenant and Adjutant Deane for many years, a part of which time he served under my command as Adjutant of the Chatham Division of Royal Marines.

I have never met an officer more thoroughly acquainted with the details of the service in every respect, and in whom I could place more implicit reliance in the performance of his duties, more particularly those attached to an Adjutant. I consider him a young officer of unusual administrative ability, and one in whom the greatest confidence can be placed when command, responsibility and trust are of the utmost importance. His manner and private character have always been such as to win for him the esteem of those who have been in any way connected with him in the service.

(Signed) PEREGRINE HENRY FELLOWES,

Major General, R.M.L.I.

Royal Marine Barracks,

Chatham, 27th June, 1879.

During the 18 months of my command of this Division, Lieutenant and Adjutant R. Burton Deane has been Office Adjutant. I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to his zeal and ability during that period, and in thus stating my opinion of his very high capacity as an Officer—he is capable of conducting correspondence and is of very sound judgment, possessing a surprising knowledge of the service, and a great gift of conveying a very great deal in few words, and those always to the point.

As my confidential Officer, he has been at all times reliable, and as my friend and brother Officer, I cannot speak too highly of his upright and gentlemanlike bearing.

(Signed) E. L. PYM,

Major General,

Royal Marines.

*Fort Clarence House,*

*Rochester, 20th December, 1886.*

MY DEAR DEANE,

Having served at the Chatham Division with you for several years during which you held the responsible position of Adjutant, part of that time under my Command, I had the fullest opportunity of observing the admirable manner in which you performed your duties. Your knowledge of drill and discipline, combined with that tact and firmness of character which I know you to possess, particularly adapt you in my opinion for the post you are seeking, and I feel assured that whatever position in the public service you may occupy, your superiors will not fail to endorse the favourable opinion I express of your qualifications as an Officer and a gentleman.

I am only sorry that you think of leaving the Corps, but with the present prospects of promotion I am not surprised at your endeavouring to obtain other employment under the Crown.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

G. W. FORBES.

Lieut. and Adjutant DEANE,

*R.M.L.I.*

